



Larry Watt Named President of OMWD’s Board of Directors for Third Time

Encinitas, CA—Today, board director Larry Watt presided over Olivenhain Municipal Water District’s first meeting of 2021 as president.

OMWD’s board unanimously elected to take new seats and selected Mr. Watt for a third term as president. Initially appointed to the board in 2011, Mr. Watt represents Division 2 of OMWD’s service area, which includes portions of the cities of Carlsbad and Encinitas. He previously served as president from 2013 through 2014 and from 2017 through 2018.

Prior to joining OMWD, Mr. Watt was Director of Public Works for the City of Encinitas and General Manager of San Dieguito Water District. Mr. Watt also represents OMWD on the Association of California Water Agencies Joint Powers Insurance Authority board.

As the gavel was passed to Mr. Watt, outgoing president Ed Sprague was honored for his past presidency and selected as OMWD’s secretary. Appointed to the board in 2008, Mr. Sprague earned the Recognition in Special District Governance certification from the Special District Leadership Foundation, served on the Special District Risk Management Authority board in 2011, and served on the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission from 2015 through 2019.

In addition, Mrs. Kristie Bruce-Lane, who took office on December 4 after winning the November general election, was named vice president. A graduate of San Diego County Water Authority’s Citizens Water Academy, Mrs. Bruce-Lane is also an avid community volunteer and serves on several non-profit boards. She has an extensive healthcare and agriculture background.

Selected to serve as treasurer, Ms. Guerin also served as OMWD’s representative to the San Diego County Water Authority board from 2014 to 2020. She is a ten-year veteran of the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department and a former council member and mayor of the City of Encinitas.

Director Bob Topolovac is the longest tenured of OMWD’s directors, originally appointed to the board in 1999. He retired from a 35-year career in higher and secondary education and presently serves as a volunteer sheriff at the Encinitas sheriff’s station.

These officer positions are effective for the 2021-2022 term.

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Olivenhain Municipal Water District is a public agency providing water, wastewater services, recycled water, hydroelectricity, and operation of Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve. Organized in 1959, OMWD currently serves approximately 86,000 customers over 48 square miles in northern San Diego County.

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